

REMARKS

As an initial matter, the Applicant thanks the Examiner for his thorough review of the present application. Currently, claims 11-20 are pending. In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the drawings as not depicting several features recited in claims 18-20. The Examiner has also raised several minor formalistic objections to claims 19 and 20. Finally, the Examiner has rejected claims 19 and 20 under §112 and has allowed claims 11-18. In response, the Applicant has added two new figures and amended the claims and specification. In view of these amendments, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejection.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as not depicting, among other things, a "field of hole type nozzles [] above and underneath" the slotted nozzle as recited in claim 18. In response to this objection the Applicant has cancelled this limitation from the claim. Likewise, the Examiner has objected to "a control device of the granulating water pressure," and a "control device of the granulating water flow rate," in claims 19 and 20, respectively. In response, the Applicant has added two new figures, FIGS. 5 and 6, which more clearly illustrate these features. The Applicant has also amended these claims to clarify that the control device, in both claims, is in fact a control system incorporating a control valve.

The Applicant does not believe that the claim amendments and new figures constitute new matter. The clarified claim limitations are discussed in the specification of the present application as filed. The subject matter of the new drawings, i.e., a spraying head with a control system, is shown and discussed in FIG 1 and in paragraphs [0033] and [0034] of the application.

Minor Claim Suggestions by Examiner

The Applicant has amended claims 19 and 20 to address the Examiner's recommendations.

Claim Rejections §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 19 and 20 under §112, 2nd paragraph as being indefinite. In response, the Applicant has amended the claims to correct the antecedent basis issue regarding the “granulating water pressure” and “granulating water flow rate.” The Applicant has also amended these claims clarify the recitation of “in which said slotted nozzle is incorporated as actuator.” This limitation has been amended to “in which said slotted nozzle with said control body is incorporated a control valve.” Through these amendments, the Applicant believes it has fully addressed the Examiner’s §112 rejection and requests reconsideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has allowed claims 11-18 and thanks the Examiner for his consideration of these claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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